



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Cole

Serial No. 10/028,325

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: Femoral Intramedullary Rod System

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Group Art Unit: 3732

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Examiner: Priddy, Michael B.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003.

No fees are believed to be required at this time. If, however, any additional claim fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these additional fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ X ] Small entity status of this application has been established by a previously submitted verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.  
[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.  
[ ] No additional fee is required.

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[ X ] A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. An Amendment in response to Office Action mailed September 12, 2003;
2. Additional Claim Fee Sheet;
3. Return postcard; and
4. This transmittal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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